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WILDFLOWERS

Anemone, False Rue. *Amonella thalictroides*. Dainty leaves, 3-6 in. tall. White flowers, one of early spring blossomers. Easily grown, partial shade.

Baneberry, Red. *Actea rubra*. White feathery blossom cluster, coral red, oval berries; 2-3 ft. Shade or partial shade, damp or dry sites.

Baneberry, White. *Actea alba*. Similar to red, as to foliage, but berries white, likened to doll's eyes. Same site conditions and size as the red baneberry, but blooms a litte later.

Bergamot, Wild. *Monarda fistulosa*. Magenta, similar to the cultivated red Bee Balm; 3-4 ft. Blooms mid to late summer. Open sun, fairly dry sites.

Bishop's Cap, Mitrewort. *Mitella diphylla*. Pencil-thin flower stalks with tiny cap-shaped blossoms. April to May, 8-16 in. Good ground cover and rock garden plant. Easy to grow.

Bloodroot. *Sanguinaria canadensis*. Snow-white large flowers with golden centers; plant 8 in. tall. Heart-shaped leaves persist all summer. Dry, to slightly moist neutral soil, shade.

DON'T PICK WILDFLOWERS, GROW THEM

Bluebells of Scotland, *Campanula rotundifolia*. Grows almost anywhere, very hardy, easy to raise. Dainty, very attractive little blue bell. 1-1½ ft. tall. Prefers sun.

Boneset, Thoroughwort. *Eupatorium perfoliatum*. Wet soil plant, 2-4 ft. tall. White terminal blossoms, interesting leaves seem to grow through the stems. Old medicinal plant.

Cardinal Flower. *Lobelia cardinalis*. The brightest red in nature are these blossoms. Prefers damp soil and sun, but will grow on drier or shadier sites. 2-4 ft. tall Fertilized by humming birds. Seed and rootstock regeneration.

Cohosh, Blue. *Caulophyllum thalictroides*. Compound leaf at top of long stem, 1-3 ft. tall. Small yellow flowers, intensely blue berries. Shade. Good fern companion.

Columbine, Wild. *Aquilegia canadensis*. Excellent rock garden plant, but grows almost anywhere. Red and yellow spurred flowers, stay in blossom several weeks. 1-1½ ft.

Gentian, Bottle. *Gentiana andrewsii*. Several bottle-shaped, intense blue flowers in terminal and leaf-base clusters. Perennial. Damp, partial shade, also like sun if soil wet. 12-18 in. tall.

Gentian, Fringed. *Gentiana crinita*. A biennial, so at present, taking orders only for seed, which are available in late fall. 50-cents per package. The fringed gentian prefers sunny moist, sweet soil.

Ginger, Wild. *Asarum canadense*. Heart-shaped leaf, with odd brown-purple blossoms close to the soil. Ginger odor when handled. Moist shade.

Grass of Parnassus. *Parnassia caroliniana*. Waxy leaves, white flower with green veins. Damp soil in open sun. 6-10 in.

Hepatica, Round-lobed. *Hepatica triloba*. Earliest flower of spring. Leaves persist in winter, liver-lobe shaped. Good as rock garden or indoor terrarium plants. 3-6 in.

Herb Robert. *Geranium robertianum*. Perennial. Ornamental leaves with ruddy stems, aromatic. Small pink blossoms persistent through summer. Partial shade, damp sites or rocks.

Iris, Wild Blue Flag. *Iris versicolor*. Damp to drier ground, 2-3 ft. Rich blue flowers. Roots can be divided.

Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Indian Turnip. *Arisaema triphyl- lum*. An interesting hooded plant, a favorite with children. Damp to drier shady spots. Orange-red berries.

Joe Pye Weed. *Eupatorium purpureum*. Large, moist soil plant, 3-7 ft. tall, raspberry-red blossoms in top clusters. Open sun, bloom in August. Good near pools.

Ladies' Tresses. *Spiranthes cernua*. White, tiny orchid blossoms on spiral flower stalk. 6-15 in. tall. Usually fragrant. Prefer sunny, damp situations.

Ladyslipper, Pink. *Cypripedium acaule*. The commonest of the ladyslippers, but not too easy to make blossom every year. Requires shade and very acid soil. Likes conditions under pines and hemlocks. 50-cents each.

• **Ladyslipper, Yellow.** *Cypripedium pubescens*. Acid to neutral soil, some moisture and shade preferred, but rather easy to grow, especially in flower borders. 50-cents each.

Lily, Meadow. *Lilium canadense*. Orange lilies with purple-brown spots inside. One to seven or more blossoms, 2-4 ft. tall. Open sun, moist to drier soil. Blossoms said to have most graceful curves of any flower.

Lobelia, Blue. *Lobelia syphilitica*. Similar to cardinal flower in form and growth requirements, but the blossoms are a handsome purplish blue.

Mayapple, Mandrake. *Podophyllum peltatum*. Umbrella-like leaves form elevated ground carpet. Waxy, white flowers underneath, produce apple-like berry. 1-2 ft. tall.

Meadow Rue, Tall. *Thalictrum polygonatum*. Misty white flowers, tall slender branches. Prefers damp meadows, but grows almost anywhere. 3-5 ft.

New England Aster. *Aster Novae-angliae*. A tall, sturdy wild aster with terminal clusters of many-rayed purple blossoms. From 2-6 ft. tall, in open sun, neutral to sweet, even poor soil.

Partridgeberry, Twinberry. *Mitchella repens*. Creeping vine, fragrant twin blossoms followed by bright red berries. Acid soil, shade, easy to grow. Indoor bowls for winter.

Senna, Wild. *Cassia marilandica*. A tall, decorative plant, with leaves similar to a locust tree. Blossoms golden yellow with striking brown anthers. Moist to dry soil, sun or partial shade. 3-8 ft. tall.

Solomon's Seal, False. *Smilacina racemosa*. White fluffy blossoms at tip of stem, producing white-and-red, then red translucent berries. 1-3 ft., shade or sun.

Solomon's Seal, Giant. *Polygonatum commutatum*. Very graceful, 2-4 ft. tall, bell-like blossoms pendulous under the leaves, large purple-blue berries. Partial shade to sun.

Solomon's Seal, True. *Polygonatum biflorum*. Very similar to the Giant variety, but smaller, and likes more shade. 1-2 ft., blooms May to June, dark blue berries in early fall.

Trillium, Nodding. *Trillium cernuum*. The white to pinkish blossom curves under the three leaves. 8-14 in. tall. Likes moist woods and wet meadows.

Trillium, Painted. *Trillium undulatum*. White, with crimson stripe. 8-16 in. Likes shade and borders of woodlands, and acid soil.

Trillium, Snow. *Trillium grandiflorum*. Blossoms late May to June, white turning to pink. 10-18 in. high, petals 2-3 in. long. Moist, partial shade, good neutral garden soil. Excellent in flower borders, occurs in open woodlands.

Turtlehead. *Chelone glabra*. White flowers, some-

times pink tinged, 1 inch long, resembling a turtle's head. Damp, sunny sites, attain 1-3 ft.

Twayblade. *Liparis loeselii*. Tiny orchid of damp soil and shade. Blossoms up a stem 3-6 in. tall, two basal leaves similar to pink ladyslipper. Not a conspicuous plant, but interesting to orchid fans and wild garden hobbyists.

Violet, Canada. *Viola canadensis*. One of our tallest violets, sweet scented, light purple outside, white inside. Partial shade to sun; 5-15 in. tall.

Violet, Downy Yellow. *Viola pubescens*. Leaves are downy beneath, golden yellow flowers, plant 6-12 in. tall. Dry shady sites, rock gardens.

Violet, Palmate-leaved. *Viola palmata*. Unusually deep lobed leaves for a violet plant. Flowers bright light violet and fairly large. Dry ground, shade or sun.

Wood Betony. *Pedicularis canadensis*. Feather-shaped leaves, often dull magenta, rather close to the ground. Flowers two-lipped, in terminal clusters up stem, magenta, yellow tipped. Sun or partial shade.

FERNS

Beech Fern, Broad. *Dryopteris hexagonoptera*. Winged woodfern. Triangular fronds. Shade or partial shade, damp to dryer sites, neutral soil. Height 12-18 in.

Bladder, Berry. *Cystopteris bulbifera*. Brookside, damp shade. Graceful, slender fern, 2-3 ft., half reclining.

Bladder, Fragile, Brittle Fern. *Cystopteris fragilis*. More delicate than above, and about one third in size. Dormant in August, new shoots in fall. An early fern, loves rocks.

Chain Fern. *Woodwardia areolata*. Medium-sized fern, prefers moist sites, either sun or shade, has chain-like root development.

Christmas Fern. *Polystichum acrostichoides*. Ever-

green fronds, up to 20 inches long. Likes good shade, enough moisture. Plant the crowns even with ground surface. Indoor boxes.

Cinnamon Fern. *Osmunda cinnamomea*. One of our largest ferns, attaining 3-5 ft. Husky fronds, attractive, cinnamon-colored fertile frond arises from center of the plant. Excellent background. Shade or semi-shade.

Clinton Fern. *Dryopteris clintoniana*. An evergreen, preferring shade or partial shade. Attains 2-3 ft. Likes slightly acid to neutral soil.

Crested Shield Fern. *Dryopteris cristata*. Usually found on hummocks in partially shaded bogs. 1-3 ft., the sterile fronds evergreen.

Evergreen Woodfern. *Dryopteris marginalis*. Leathery, evergreen, dark blue-green. Deep shade, likes loose stones in the soil. 2 ft. tall. Indoor boxes.

Interrupted Fern. *Osmunda claytoniana*. One of our large native ferns, often confused with cinnamon fern. Spore cases occur along center of fertile fronds, giving interrupted appearance.

Lady Fern. *Athyrium filix-femina*. An easy fern to grow, 2-3 ft., partial shade or full shade. Dry or damp soil. Fronds grow in circular tufts from large rootstock.

Maidenhair Fern. *Adiantum pedatum*. Slender, wiry stems, topped by delicate, unique fronds, each tiny part like a ginkgo tree leaf. Likes rotted hardwood leaves, shade.

Marsh Fern. *Dryopteris thelypteris*. Medium-sized fern, 10-20 in. Very upright, likes moist meadow lands.

New York Fern. *Dryopteris noveboracensis*. Medium size, noticeable tapering at both ends of the fronds. Prefers shade, but will grow in sun, 1-2 ft. tall. Damp or dry sites.

Ostrich Fern. *Pteritis nodulosa*. Tall, plume-like fronds in almost a perfect circle. Does very well under cultivation, loves lawns under tall trees.

Polypody Fern. *Polypodium vulgare*. A small evergreen fern, used in indoor dishes. 3-6 in. Shade. Forms mats on rocks.

Purple Cliff Brake. *Pellaea atropurpurea*. Leathery-leaved, long, slender, blue-green fronds. Prefers rock niches, especially limestone. Evergreen, at its best in winter. 4-10 in. long. Pinnules heart-shaped at base.

Rattlesnake Fern. *Botrychium virginianum*. Occurs in dry, open woods. Triangular fronds, finely cut, delicate. 1-2 ft. tall.

- **Royal Fern.** *Osmunda regalis*. Either moist or dry sites, sun or shade, but best grown in partial shade, where some dampness. Graceful, wide spreading, 2-3 ft. tall.

Sensitive Fern. *Onoclea sensibilis*. One of the easiest to grow, good cover for bare spots, 8-16 in., spreads rapidly.

Spinulose Fern. *Dryopteris spinulose*. Medium size. Extensively used with cut flowers. Shade to partial shade.

Spleenwort, Ebony. *Asplenium platyneuron*. Shaded rocks, especially limestone. Excellent for indoor dishes. Evergreen sterile fronds, 4-8 inches. Sun or shade.

- **Spleenwort, Maidenhair.** *Asplenium trichomanes*. Slender fronds, perhaps most dainty of all ferns, 3-6 inches. Needs some shade, prefers rock niches, especially limestone. Good dish plant if kept moist.

Ternate Grape Fern. *Botrychium obliquum*. A small meadow fern, likes damp to drier sites, has triangular fronds with a conspicuous fertile frond erect from center. 6-15 in.

Walking Fern. *Camptosorus rhizophyllus*. Has a fascinating way of producing new plants by growing from the leaf tips. Some shade, prefers limestone rocks. 4-12 in. We send small piece of limestone with each plant, place under roots.

Woodsia, Common, Blunt-Lobed Woodsia. *Woodsia obtusa*. Bright sun to partial shade. Usually occurs on rocks. 6-20 in.

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